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**OPERATION
IDENT-I-GUARD**

**CRIME
ALERT**

Boston Police

Protect Your Valuables

You can deter a burglar by taking part in the Boston Police Department's Ident-I-Guard Program.

Operation Ident-I-Guard

Operation Ident-I-Guard is a crime prevention program that has cut burglary rates as much as 40 percent. It consists of two steps:

- Marking your social security number on all valuables.
- Displaying Ident-I-Guard stickers on front and back doors of your home.



Marking your valuables makes them easily identifiable by the police. If a thief does take the chance, steals your possessions and is caught, it is much easier for police to prosecute him because the goods in his possession are easily identifiable as stolen.

How To Join

The Boston Police Department has engraving tools available at all police districts. These are for residents of the City of Boston and are provided free of charge. The engraving tool may be checked out for a period of three days.

When you return your engraving tools you will be provided with two Ident-I-Guard decals. Place one on your front door and one on your back door or window. These decals announce to everyone that your valuables have been marked and registered with the police.

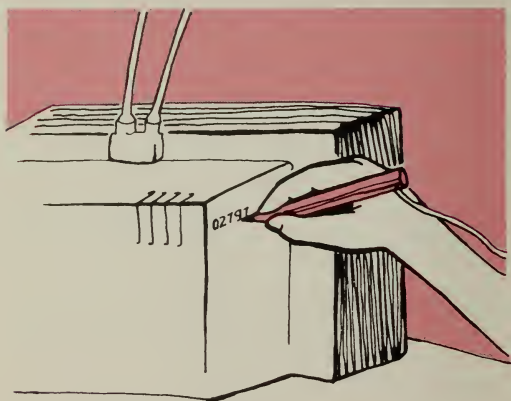
Where To Join

The Ident-I-Guard engraving tools may be obtained at the following police districts:

District One	40 New Sudbury Street, Boston
District Two	135 Dudley Street, Roxbury
Substation Two	1481 Tremont Street, Roxbury
District Three	872 Morton Street, Mattapan
District Four	7 Warren Avenue, Boston
Substation Four	859 Boylston Street, Boston
District Five	1249 Hyde Park Avenue, Hyde Park
Substation Five	1765 Centre Street, West Roxbury
District Six	273 D Street, South Boston
District Seven	69 Paris Street, East Boston
District Eleven	40 Gibson Street, Dorchester
District Thirteen	28 Seaverns Avenue, Jamaica Plain
District Fourteen	301 Washington Street, Brighton
District Fifteen	3 City Square, Charlestown

Mark These Possessions

Television sets
Stereo equipment
Fishing rods, reels
Radios
Cameras
Car tape decks
Binoculars
Guns
Hub caps
Lawn mowers
Vacuum cleaners
Bicycles
Kitchen appliances
Dictating machines
Golf clubs
Electric shavers
Typewriters
Tape recorders
Outboard motors
Tools
Adding machines
Watches, clocks



A Message from the Commissioner

Crime prevention is everyone's business—the homeowner, apartment dweller or businessman. In order to deal effectively with crime, the police department must have the cooperation of every citizen.

You should install secure locks, make sure your home is watched when you are away, beware of ruses used to gain entry to your home, install good lighting outside your home and leave lights on at night.

One excellent way to thwart thieves is the Ident-I-Guard program. The sticker on your door warning potential burglars that you have marked your possessions is a substantial deterrent.

The Ident-I-Guard program was started in 1963 by the Monterey Park, Calif., Police Department. In the following 10 years there were only 25 burglaries in the more than 5,000 participating homes. In the 6,000 homes that did not participate, there were 1,000 robberies in only three years.

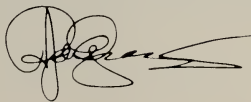
Possessions marked with your social security number are much more difficult to sell. And if your engraved valuables are stolen, you have a better chance of recovering them.

The Boston Police Operations Center at headquarters has computer access to all items marked in the Ident-I-Guard program. When an officer receives a piece of stolen property, he radios and the owner is immediately identified.

With a united effort among the police and citizens such as this program we can deter crime.

Joining the Ident-I-Guard program is easy. Visit one of our stations and reserve an engraving tool.

Do it TODAY — Make an effort to prevent crime.

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to the Commissioner mentioned in the text. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'D' and a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

Dial 911

Be the eyes and ears of the Police.

Help stop crime by reporting it.

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